

TOWN OF BUCKEYE
SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 30, 2004

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Hull called the special meeting and budget workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Hull, Vice Mayor Urwiller, Councilman Meck, Councilman Beard, Councilwoman May, Councilman Doster, and Councilman Garza.

Staff Present: Carroll Reynolds,, Linda Garrison, Mary Saiz, Jeanine Guy, Larry Harmer, Scott Rounds, Tim Fitzpatrick, Dee Hathaway, and Jason Hardison.

Request to Enter Into Executive Session

Moved by Councilman Meck, seconded by Councilwoman May to enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (1) to discuss the resignation of the Police Chief at 6:31 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Reconvene to Special Meeting

Moved by Councilwoman May, seconded by Councilman Doster to reconvene into the special meeting at 7:19 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Resignation of Police Chief

Moved by Councilwoman May, seconded by Councilman Doster to accept the resignation and severance agreement of Police Chief Cary. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment of Special Meeting

Moved by Councilman Meck, seconded by Vice Mayor Urwiller to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Call to Order Budget Workshop

Mayor Hull called the Budget Workshop to order at 7:20 p.m. and requested that Council go through each department and if there is an item they would like addressed to bring it forward at that time.

Mayor and Council

The Interim Town Manager requested the budget reflect for Council consideration that the Dues and Subscription line item be changed to \$1,500. Also discussed under Mayor and Council was a Town Retreat scheduled for July 24th and that \$10,000 should be been put in the Miscellaneous line item for that purpose.

Administration

The Council requested the budget reflect for their consideration that staff delete the positions of Assistant Town Manager and Management Assistant from the Administration budget. Additional staff funding was for the Human Resource Director and the Deputy Town Clerk position remained in the budget. Staff requested the budget reflect for Council consideration the line item for the Town Attorney be raised to \$190,000 and the Town Engineer to \$80,000.

Airport

Council requested the budget reflect for their consideration a reclassification of the Airport Operation Manager to Airport Manager and an increase the Fuel Sales line item to \$110,000.

Community Development

Council requested the budget reflect for their consideration that the janitorial staff we moved to another department; and a \$4,000 car allowance to the Community Development Director.

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Economic Development

Council requested the budget reflect for their consideration that the Downtown Coordinator position be paid out of the Downtown Revitalization Funds.

Finance Department

Council requested the budget reflect for their consideration that the Senior Account position be funding, and remove the Grant Accountant from the budget.

Fire Department

Staff requested the budget reflect for Council consideration six captain positions be filled in the upcoming budget year. Council requested the budget reflect for their consideration deleting the half time fire inspector position and the Administrative Assistant be removed from the proposed budget; that the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall shall receive no overtime; and to reclassify Scott Rounds, Acting Fire Chief to at least the amount the Fire Marshall receives.

Fleet Services

Council requested the budget reflect for Council consideration the reclassifying Todd Ellsworth position to Emergency Vehicle Certified Mechanic.

I. T. Department

Council requested the budget reflect for Council consideration the web-site be upgraded; delete \$20,000 from the Contractual Services line item and add one full time employee for the I.T. Department at a salary of \$32,500.

Magistrate

No changes to the budget as presented.

Parks, Recreation and Library Services

Council requested the budget reflect for Council consideration the Book line item be increased to \$30,000.

Public Works Administration Department

The Interim Town Manager suggested that the title of Environmental Engineer be changed to Public Works Engineer.

Irrigation Department

Council suggested pursuing contract labor for this department.

Cemetery

There were no changes to the proposed budget.

Social Services Department

Council requested the budget to reflect for their consideration the additional staff for this year's budget not be funded. Council also indicated they were still awaiting information regarding how the money that is collected is handled; the number of Buckeye residents served versus County. Council requested the budget reflect for their consideration the salary savings from this department be allocated to the Contingency line item.

Non Departmental

Council requested the budget reflect for their consideration that the Chamber of Commerce receive \$40,000, West Valley Fine Arts \$7,000, Literacy Council \$5,000, Rodeo Grounds Improvements \$5,000 and Event Promotions

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\$6,000.

Water and Wastewater Departments

No changes to the budgets as presented.

Police Department

Council asked Acting Chief Fitzpatrick if he was ready to discuss the Police Department budget so quickly after the Chief's resignation. Acting Chief Fitzpatrick stated that he felt confident that a request for 20 new hires would be adequate. The Interim Town Manager suggested that \$1,000,000 be placed in contingency for radio equipment. Council requested staff to work with the police department on their needs and make the necessary changes to the budget.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, moved by Councilman Meck, seconded by Councilwoman May to adjourn the workshop the 9:59 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Dustin Hull, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Garrison, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Special Meeting and Budget Workshop held on the 30th day of June 2004. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Linda Garrison, Town Clerk